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God Fails The Test



Some students meeting for prayer and worship during the last week of winter quarter

God Fails The Test was the title of one student's essay in the *Road Trip-ping with Tolkien and Chesterton* class. Hearing his presentation was painful. I felt like we had put in good work and he should be a believer by now, but then I had to catch myself and realize God's conversion of sinners is a work of grace, not my sweat. We do our best to clearly share the biblical message, but the choice is theirs.

After he presented his essay, other nonbelievers in the class began to argue with him. His rejection of God had them arguing for God. The essay focussed on God's providence and whether it mattered how one lived if God was going to do whatever He was going to do. Nothing too brilliant in the theology area, but the argument of the day. His father is a university professor and an avowed atheist, so there are a few roadblocks for him to cross.

The class accomplished its goals of

creating numerous opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with students. Jesus said He would rather have us hot or cold than lukewarm, so with that assessment, we move on in faith that He is working good plans in this student's life.

By popular demand our Spring Quarter outreach class is *The Lord of the Rings*. Our students from Winter Quarter wanted to continue the studies since we are continuing the series of finding spiritual truth in fantasy literature and we are desiring more opportunities with them (as well as new students). Two of the new students plan to ride their bicycles to Mt. St. Helens and throw a ring into the crater. This is going a bit far, but we have an adventurous group of students joining us to study Tolkien's epic work and learn that he was a writer who was Christ centered and whose faith made it deep into his fiction.

Our in-reach class will study Genesis in order to get a better grasp of the foundational book of the Bible.



Prayer Requests

The Spirit's leading as we share the gospel with students in *Lord of the Rings* class every Wednesday afternoon

Stronger relationships with the Christian Faculty and a luncheon with them on April 19

In town student retreat on April 27-28

Campus open house dinner on April 4th

Prayers Answered

We had a wonderful time at winter camp and appreciated your prayers for me as a speaker.

A growing group of student leaders who want to reach their campus.

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